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## Mississippians plan, construct church building in fast-growing suburban area of Chattanooga

By Jack Honea

**O**n the slope of Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga is an exciting one-mile incline ride up the face of the mountain. Getting to the top of the mountain on the incline is much faster than the winding switchback road. If nerves can stand the thrill, it's a ride not soon forgotten.

A short distance to the southeast, Briarwood Church in Ringgold, Ga., sits atop a hill. The journey taken this summer by a group of Mississippians on behalf of Briarwood Church rivals the better-known attraction near Chattanooga.

That ride began in January 1995, when Briarwood Church building chairman Doug Peters contacted Jack Honea of First Church, Magnolia, who coordinates Baptist volunteer construction crews.

Peters needed volunteer crews to build a much-needed education building at the young, growing church.

Briarwood Church, started in 1989 with four charter families, had outgrown its space and lacked funds to pay for materials and labor to construct an adequate facility in the sprawling, north Georgia bedroom community near Chattanooga.

After a couple of months of planning and organizing, the first of six crews, this one headed by Don Griffin and his workers from Centreville Church, Centreville, and First Church, Louisville, arrived in Ringgold on the weekend before Memorial Day in May to begin roofing and framing.

The volunteers paid their own way to Ringgold and, in many cases, gave up a week's vacation.

Glenn and Rhonda Switzer, a construction partnership team from Cliff Temple

Church, Natchez, moved on site and coordinated the various teams.

A total of 140 workers from every walk of life toiled under the tutelage of professional carpenters to raise the 8,400 square-foot building from a concrete slab to ready-to-paint in six weeks.

Local church members joined the vol-

unteers whenever possible, saving the church about \$125,000 in labor costs.

Others crews who worked on the church included:

— Second week: Gillsburg Church, Oskyka, and Mount Pleasant Church, Gloster, led by Rogers McGraw of Woodville Church, Woodville. Com-

pleted roofing and framing.

— Third week: Amite County churches, led by Lenny Jones of Centreville. Began installing sheet rock.

— Fourth week: Natchez and Copiah County churches, led by Albert Parsons, pastor of Sardis Church, Hazlehurst. Finished sheetrock installation.

— Fifth week: First Church, Magnolia, anchored a crew of 52 workers, led by Jack Honea, from 16 churches in seven states, including North McComb Church, McComb. Installed ductwork, attic bracing, and vinyl siding.

— Sixth week: East McComb Church, McComb, led by Larry Wigginton and Jim Allen, both of McComb. Installed lighting and flooring.

The ages of volunteers ranged from 15 years to 82 years. They worked 10-12 hour days, often in areas of work with which they were not familiar, giving them new experiences which will benefit them in the future.

Mississippi has 7,646 Southern Baptist construction volunteers each year. Building churches in this manner saves thousands of dollars for a struggling church, but the construction itself is secondary.

The relationships established between team members and the local church congregation are life-changing experiences.

Couples from Indiana and Michigan are now part of the Magnolia team because their churches benefitted in previous years from Mississippi construction crews, and now they want to give back to someone else that which they received.

Honea, a member of First Church, Magnolia, coordinates Baptist volunteer construction crews in Mississippi.



Mississippians who helped construct new educational facilities at Briarwood Church, Ringgold, Ga., gather in front of the church sanctuary during the fifth week of construction at the fast-growing church just outside Chattanooga, Tenn. A total of 16 churches from seven states were represented that week, including First Church, Magnolia; North McComb Church, McComb; Cliff Temple Church, Natchez; Gillsburg Church, Oskyka; and Byram Church, Byram. Construction was completed in six weeks on the 8,200 square-foot educational facility.

### Secretaries, take note

Church secretaries should exercise caution when ministering to their pastor/boss when he undergoes a personal or professional struggle, warns a Baptist Sunday School Board specialist who deals with pastor-staff issues. Norris Smith says, "Caregivers tend to be rescuers, but a supportive posture encourages people to be responsible for themselves." Church secretaries should be clear on their job description and seek God's wisdom through prayer before offering to help their boss through his crisis, he advises. "Suggest what you can do. Help by pointing to alternatives for help. Referral is not rejection. It is added support," he says. Norris also points out that church secretaries must often deal with "gossip mongers, snoops, and information seekers" while the pastor is struggling with his problem. He suggests three questions for those people: Have you talked with the pastor yourself? Would you go with me to talk with the pastor about this? Do you mind if I tell the pastor that you came to me and raised this concern? "Don't let people push you to violate your integrity," he stresses.

### Never too late

Not many people are baptized with the pastor's admonition, "You may never see this again, folks." That's what Jimmy Hammond was moved to say, however, just before he lowered 104-year-old Joe Raimes under the waters of the baptismal pool at First Church, Pinellas Park, Fla. When Raimes told Hammond that he wanted to be baptized, Hammond called Southern Baptist Convention offices in Nashville and found that fewer than five people in the nation were baptized in their second century. The other two baptism candidates at the church that day were 94 years and 97 years younger than Raimes. "I've never seen anyone so happy to be baptized. When I told him the date... his face just lit up," Hammond said. Raimes' son, Alfred, said, "He heard about Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist, and he wanted that." Ruth Norrie, who works at the adult day care center attended by Raimes, remembers when the date was set. "He grabbed me, gave me a hug, and asked me to come to his baptism. This was the biggest thing in his life. I wasn't going to miss it."

### Looking Back...

#### 10 years ago

Baptist churches along the Gulf Coast suffer major damage and are without electricity as Sunday services approach, thanks to Hurricane Elena, the most dangerous storm to hit Mississippi since Hurricane Camille in 1969.

#### 20 years ago

Directors of missions report that Rankin County needs a new church each year to keep up with growth, while DeSoto County churches have doubled in an effort to meet needs in the fast-growing suburb of Memphis.

#### 50 years ago

Wahala Church in Kemper County becomes the newest addition to the Mississippi Baptist Convention when eight charter members form the church after a stirring revival led by Shuqualak pastor Joe Abrams.

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# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

## Mission fields in Mississippi

The Magnolia State has a rich and significant history. The early settlers had a sprinkling of Baptists and they set forth to carry out the Lord's work. A spiritual foundation was laid and for 200 years we have built upon it. Churches were built, associations gathered, and a state convention was organized.

New settlers were constantly arriving and Mississippi Baptists met the opportunity with new churches and institutions. They were brave men and women who battled a wilderness, fought diseases, felt the ravages of floods, stared hardship and deprivation in the face, and come forth victoriously. They were a dedicated, God-fearing, Christ-loving people.

As Dowdney said, "As a spell

is cast — the mill cannot grind with water that is past." Nor can we survive on yesterday's dedication or the spiritual victories of our ancestors.

Fearfully, we are becoming pagan faster than we are becoming Christian. Our population is now 2.7 million and growing. New people, new languages, and vast new opportunities are thrust upon us.

We are grateful for believers who will travel to the ends of the earth to carry the gospel. Now we need someone who will travel next door, or across the country, or perhaps to the Delta or the Gulf Coast.

We need to get serious about our State Mission offering. We need to provide the personnel,

Guy Henderson



camps and conferences, disaster relief, the Parchman ministries, and new mission work. The goal of the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering is \$705,350. If Mississippi Baptists gave up the equivalent of two soft drinks and two candy bars only, the offering could go over a million dollars.

This work is just as exciting as that being done in far away places. We must maintain a strong home base or soon there will be little missionary work in other places. Soon you will see a rust-colored envelope in your church and hopefully there will be a strong presentation of the ministries supported with state mission offering. Take the envelope, pray about the ministries, and give as the Lord has given to you.

## State Missions allocations support a variety of ministries

Informed people are better supporters of Mississippi's mission programs. Once a year, the State Mission Offering is the vehicle to fund exciting ministries across the state. The offering 1995 will be allocated as follows:

### New missions \$174,000

Grants are available for helping new missions purchase property on which to place church buildings. A mobile chapel is available to provide a new congregation with space for Sunday School and worship services. Pray for the congregations who occupy one of the 14 chapels which Mississippi Baptists own, that they will grow and reach their communities for Jesus and be able to provide a permanent structure.

### Central Hills \$194,000

Located near Kosciusko, Central Hills offers a place for camping and mission study for RAs who attend each summer. During 1994, 2,893 people enjoyed the facilities.

### Camp Garaywa \$175,000

Located in a beautiful, tree-shaded area of Clinton, the camp will mark 50 years of service to Mississippi Baptists in 1997. Every summer, GAs and Acteens enjoy life-changing camping experiences. Adults also use the facilities throughout the year for leadership training, retreats, and missions awareness conferences.

### Disaster relief \$35,000

A disaster such as flood, fire, hurricane, or tornado brings dis-

tress to many people. When people's homes are damaged or destroyed and they do not have a way to prepare food, a call to the Baptist Building can bring aid.

A team of people from different areas of the state can move into the area, set up disaster relief equipment, and be in operation in a short time. Many people can be fed under the canopy on the side of the large feeding van.

### Ministries to multicultural \$15,000

Mississippi has many different cultural groups. Several thousand Choctaw Native Americans live in our state. The Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering provides piano lessons for girls and boys in Choctaw churches so that they can provide music for their worship services. Camp scholarships are also made available to boys and girls who attend RA and GA camps.

### Parchman ministry \$20,000

Charles Jones directs the prison ministry at Parchman. His ministry includes personal consultations as well as group conferences to lead employees to develop skills in stress management, how to deal with conflict, parenting skills, illness, and grief. Jones also coordinates the work of five volunteers in leading discipleship studies for inmates who are new Christians. Their average weekly attendance is 110. Survival kits and Bibles are provided by the State Mission Offering.

### Criminal justice ministry \$12,350

This money assists churches

and associations in developing ministries to local jails and prisons. Training and materials are provided for volunteers who want to develop skills in ministering to prisoners, ex-prisoners, family members, close friends, police, jail and prison staff, and victims of crime.

### Pastoral/church building aid \$40,000

When small churches or mission churches are unable to provide the salary for a pastor, pastoral aid can be requested. Building aid assistance is available to churches which are in extreme need of repairs or have suffered building damage from fire or natural disaster.

### BSU work with black students \$20,000

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) is a special organization which helps college students grow in their Christian life by providing opportunities for fellowship, leadership skills development, and an atmosphere where students can learn more about their gifts and areas where their ministry is needed.

### Multi-housing ministry \$10,000

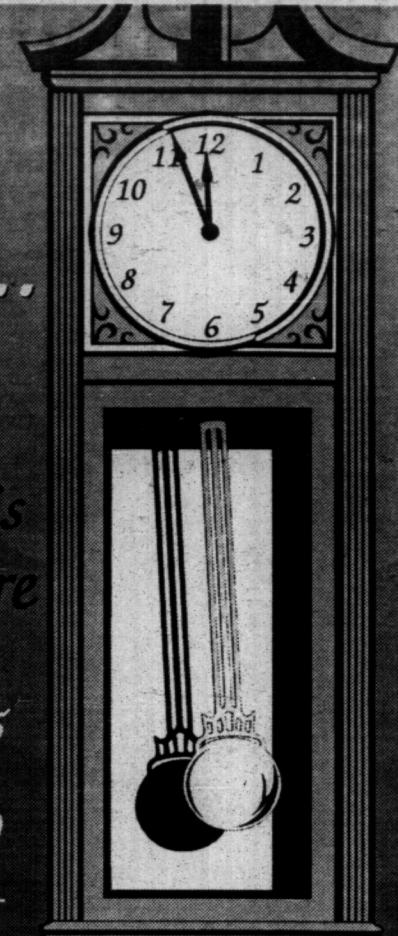
When a new mission/ministry is started, a church planter can lead in finding the right location, in nourishing the new work with prayer, in enlisting ministry support, and in trusting God for growth. This allocation helps provide salary for home missionary Dottie Williamson who helps establish new ministries in multi-housing communities along the Gulf Coast.

## State Missions Mississippi... 1995

Grow is  
Time to Share

September 10-13, 1995

State Goal \$705,350  
Church Goal \_\_\_\_\_



## THE FRAGMENTS

## A page in history

I'm not sure if there is still a post office in Ludlow — a gracious community northwest of Forest. There was one back on Sept. 2, 1954, and we have its post mark. Mrs. D.P. Fitzhugh's copy of *The Baptist Record*, folded, spindled, and yellowed, was sent to us and it is still of great interest.

In that long ago issue, it was reported that:

Mrs. Chester Quarles, Miss Eva Leggett, and Mrs. D.R. Bowen led a book fair exhibit at Camp Garaywa and there were 1,438 women from 200 churches in attendance. Eat your heart out, John Grisham.

Visiting missionaries were the Horace Fishers (who worked with the Indians), Ben Lawton of Italy, Mrs. John Parker of Chile, and Edythe Montroy of Nigeria.

R.G. Lee, D.M. Nelson, and James Crumpton were speakers at Camp Zion near Myrtle, according to Percy Ray.

A.L. Goodrich editorialized on "Do You Pay Your Pastor Adequately?" He declared that a few pastors are well-paid — and this is pointed out often — while hundreds carry on under financial handicap....

Itta Bena Church (Otis Seal, pastor) had a successful revival led by Allen O. Webb.... Paul H. Leber of First Church, Purvis, had a revival team of R.T.B. Leavell of Newton, and James Hayes of Center Terrace Church in Canton....

James M. Broome was a soldier in Korea and wrote a glowing tribute to his parents and his home

church.... John Gilbert accepted a call to Goodyear Church in Picayune, and Miss Evelyn George had just become the approved Nursery, Beginner, Primary worker in the Training Union Department, under the direction of Kermit King.

Broadmoor Church, Gulfport (J.D. Aycock, pastor), had reached 80% of its "Million More in '54" goal.

Pastor Troy Prince of Carthage had an article on "The Pastor in a Rural Community." He pointed out that these communities are not as isolated and are more educated. The rural pastor should have a rural heart; if you think of the country folks as "hicks" and "hayseeds" then you are not worthy to be a pastor.

(I was pastor at Society Hill then — and we said a fervent "Amen" to that). The country church is not a dumping ground for worn out pastors and is a vital part of the Baptist team.

Naturally the advertisements were checked, especially the editor's statement that "Mississippi Baptists just cannot keep up with Baptist work around the world without *The Baptist Record*."

In 1954, you could "Fill up with Billups," hear better with Sonotone, get fast relief with Capudine, travel to Europe and the Holy Land for \$529... and Jackson's Van Winkle Church was selling bonds at 5% interest, to rebuild their church. Thanks to the Fitzhugh family for preserving a piece of history.

— GH

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# Executive Committee meets, proposes budget workover

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) unanimously approved a 1996 Cooperative Program budget of \$23,280,983 on Aug. 29 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The budget, which must now be voted by messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November, is 2.98% higher than the 1995 budget of \$22,606,580.

One major change is in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) portion of the budget, which totals 37%. A sum of \$249,530 of that portion will remain in Mississippi. That is the approximate amount which ordinarily goes to the Home Mission Board (HMB) and is returned to Mississippi for joint state-HMB projects. Each of those projects is funded 60% by the MBCB, 40% by the HMB.

This quarter-million dollars is in addition to the \$1,695,460 which will go to the HMB for mission programs in other states, as part of the \$8,613,965, and given through the Cooperative Program.

Budget committee chairman Robert Upchurch of Tupelo said the Southern Baptist Convention asked the old line states to allow HMB to direct its efforts toward pioneer states.

"This new way of allocating the

budget does not mean any pulling away or any expression of being uncooperative," Upchurch told the MBCB executive committee which approved the budget prior to the vote of the full board.

MBCB Executive Director-Treasurer Bill Causey told board members that home missions work is still in the 37% going to SBC causes.

"We're showing it this way because we're trying to be completely open," Causey said. Ordinarily that amount would have been sent from Mississippi to the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, then to the HMB in Atlanta, and then back to Mississippi.

Causey noted that when the funds are returned to the state through the MBCB in joint ventures with the HMB, it "never showed up in anybody's (MBCB departments) budget."

Causey said, "Mississippi is going to take care of Mississippi and will contribute to the HMB for other areas."

All other SBC agencies will receive the same amounts as in the 1995 budget: SBC operating, \$189,771; Foreign Mission Board, \$4,182,253; Home Mission Board, \$1,635,460; Annuity Board, \$64,115; SBC seminaries, \$1,695,460; Christ-

ian Life Commission, \$82,890; Radio-TV Commission, \$332,318; and all other agencies, \$181,955. Total giving to SBC causes will be \$8,613,965.

The Baptist Children's Village is slated to receive \$500,000; the Board of Ministerial Education, \$205,000, a \$30,000 increase to fund additional ministerial students at Mississippi's Baptist colleges; the Christian Action Commission, \$231,821; Christian Education, which is disbursed by a formula to Mississippi's Baptist colleges, \$3,854,544; Christian Education

Capital needs, \$650,000; the Historical Commission, \$41,773; the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, \$220,786; and the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, \$200,000.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention owns one-third of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, but provides no funding.

The MBCB will receive \$8,763,095, plus the aforementioned \$249,530, for its missions and church services work in Mississippi. Included in that amount is \$650,000 which is returned directly to the Expanded Church Annuity program

for ministerial retirement. Also, \$460,667 is set for board capital needs, and \$35,000 for student center capital needs.

A new item in the budget is \$113,209 for church growth teams. That is money shifted voluntarily from the MBCB departments for interdepartmental projects to help the churches.

Should the 1996 budget be exceeded, additional income will be divided 50% to Christian education, 25% to the SBC, and 25% to the MBCB.

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## WMU exec O'Brien calls Rankin's letter "divisive"

*The following is an edited version of a statement released Aug. 31 by Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien. The statement responds to an Aug. 25 letter written by Jerry Rankin, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and mailed to pastors and WMU directors across the Southern Baptist Convention. See Rankin's reaction on page 4.*

We are furious with the letter sent by Jerry Rankin, written at the encouragement of Foreign Mission Board trustees, to pastors and WMU directors. The letter is inflammatory, misleading, and divisive.

Why this reaction?

We were not informed of this letter by the Foreign Mission Board and had to hear it from the

press. Jerry Rankin did call our office on Monday afternoon from overseas to inform us of the letter, but as of Thursday, almost a week later, we still have not received a copy of the letter from the Foreign Mission Board. Additionally, it was a serious omission that the letter was sent to pastors, denominational leaders, and missionaries, but not to the members of our Executive Board, erroneously termed "the WMU National Board" in Dr. Rankin's letter.

Like Dr. Rankin, we too believe this action will have negative impact on the 1995 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. When we are attempting to reach a challenging \$100 million goal, many Southern Baptists will have second thoughts about giving because of this new criticism of WMU from the Foreign Mission Board. We too are desperately concerned about the message this sends to our missionaries. However, through our frequent contacts with missionaries in many conferences and conventions, through correspondence and on the field, we have consistently been affirmed and our work on their behalf, commended. We have assured them of our on-going support through prayer and giving, and this commitment continues. We promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the missionaries and their work; the timing of this unwarranted attack on WMU will no doubt have its damaging effect.

Contrary to Dr. Rankin's statement in a press report that the letter was not designed to drive a wedge between grassroots WMU members and the organization's national leadership, it would be difficult not to imagine that this was the purpose. Dr. Rankin's apparent lack of understanding of

the polity of WMU does not allow him to see the connection between local church WMU members and the national organization. Is it possible that he does not know that these grassroots members elect the members of WMU's executive board? This is true only of WMU and not other SBC entities.

The letter leads its readers to believe that WMU intends "to abandon" its relationship with the Foreign Mission Board. Nothing could be further from the truth! Ninety-nine point nine percent of what we do is, and will remain, related to the Home and Foreign Mission boards. Rather than "promoting and publicizing" the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, we are simply responding to a request from churches for materials which include information about what the CBF is doing in missions.

Our executive board has taken into consideration the concerns Dr. Rankin has put forward from time to time. Likewise, we have forwarded our own concerns about recent steps by the Foreign Mission Board toward relying on outside assistance, such as Global Focus, which erodes confidence in the promotion and missions education efforts of WMU. These non-traditional methods have totally left out the significance of prayer support in favor of "raising money" for missions.

We agree with Dr. Rankin that these are times of "unprecedented growth, evangelistic harvest, and unlimited opportunities overseas." It is our desire and purpose to equip all Southern Baptists to fulfill the Great Commission. We have no intention of aborting any efforts to serve "the local church in missions education, prayer support, and promotion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

## Cooperative Program gifts setting records

By William H. Perkins Jr.

Mississippi Baptists' August gifts to the Cooperative Program amounted to the second-highest monthly total in the history of the state convention, according to figures released Sept. 1 by the accounting and personnel services department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Cooperative Program (CP) gifts in August were \$2,289,262. The historical high month was January 1992, when \$2,421,924 was given.

Barri A. Shirley, director of accounting and personnel services at the convention board, said a large volume of 1991 year-end contributions that arrived during the month of January 1992 were posted in January, in accordance with accounting policy.

That accounting policy makes the January total each year appear larger than it would be if the late year-end gifts were posted in December.

"In terms of a 'pure' month that doesn't reflect any late year-end contributions, August 1995 would be the highest month in convention board history," he explained.

Shirley also pointed out that August is traditionally a slow month for CP gifts, with summer ending and school beginning.

Mississippi Baptists have been bucking tradition, however, giving \$2,127,075 in August 1994 — another top month in convention history — and \$2,289,262 in August 1995.

August 1995 was the 14th month since 1990 that CP gifts have topped \$2 million, including three months this year. In addition, three more



### Prayer warrior

David Forsyth (center) of Suitland, Md., chats with Mississippians Alvin and Mary Doyle, now Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to Nigeria. The three met during a Missions Encounter at the Jericho missions festival held Aug. 12-18 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Center. Forsyth, who prays an hour each day for a long and growing list of home and foreign missionaries, attends the Jericho festivals at both the Ridgecrest and Glorieta (N.M.) conference centers to meet as many missionaries as possible. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)



# HOUSETOPS

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. Matthew 10:27 NAS

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

# R.A. DAY

**Grades I-I2  
2-8 p.m.  
\$4.00 per person**

**BRING YOUR OWN  
SACK LUNCH AND  
DRINK**



**Registration  
deadline:  
SEPTEMBER 25**

If you would like to register for R.A. Day, contact the Brotherhood Department of the MBCB at 968-3800 in Jackson or 1-800-748-1651.

**M.C. vs. North Alabama**

**SEPTEMBER 29-30, 1995**

Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson

## 1995 State College Student Conference

# Chosen



KYLE & SUSAN MATTHEWS, Musicians  
Nashville

For more information about the 1995 College Student Conference, contact the Department of Student Work, MBCB, at 968-3800 in Jackson or 1-800-748-1651.

**My Mission Zone**



**BNF Retreat**

October 6-7, 1995

Camp Garaywa  
Clinton, Mississippi

Friday, 4:00 p.m. - Saturday, noon  
Cost: \$23 - Bring linens and towels

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ethics of Nursing in the 90's - Dr. Paul Jones  
Chalk and Nursing! - Randy White  
Low-Impact Aerobics - Pamela Smith

### -SHARING-

Mission Trips • Prayer Concerns • Refuel  
Relax • Renew

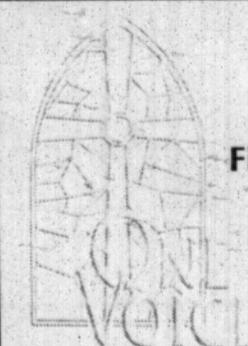
Kay Brown will be sharing about the  
Honduras Mission Trip  
Information will be shared about the  
Special Rio Grande Emphasis

**BNF Tenth Anniversary  
Kickoff!!!**

### NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

For more information contact the WMU Department  
of the MBCB at 968-3800 in Jackson  
or 1-800-748-1651.

**ONE VOICE**  
*in Concert*



First Baptist Church, Natchez  
September 10, 1995  
7:00 p.m.

Ken Miller, minister of music  
Odean Puckett, pastor

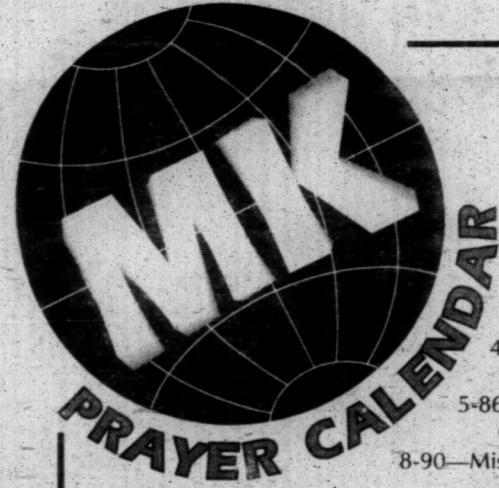
# Pray this day...

**September 10-30**

September . . . the busy month of last-minute getting ready for the new church year . . . all the entities of our Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi Baptist Convention, associations, and churches have prayed and planned . . . now we all get busy and follow the program . . . let's pray for every bit of it . . .

**Prayer Ministry Office**  
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Jackson, MS 39205-0530  
Phone 968-3800, Ext. 3904  
Mississippi PrayerLine 1-800-787-PRAY

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
that the work done by the stewardship team returning to Mississippi from Honduras today will make the work of Honduran Christians through their churches more effective	for the Institute for Equipping being offered by the Equipping Team of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, today through Thursday	for your youth minister and the volunteers in your church who work with them in your church, that the youth program will lead youth to dedication to living by Christian principles and to seeking God's will	for youth leading in and participating in See You at the Pole today	for your pastor whose responsibility is a big one	for your minister of music and volunteers in your church music program, that talented children, youth, and adults will use their talents to help the church in its mission	for your minister of education and all the people who help in that ministry
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
for your church secretary	for participants on an adult missions excursion sponsored by Mississippi WMU today and tomorrow to missions work in Mississippi and Birmingham	for the prayer ministry in your church	for Eddie and Marilyn Graves, missionaries in Chile, in the unique evangelistic opportunities they have witnessing through sports clinics/workshops and through medical clinics	for Russell and Melinda Kyzar, missionaries in Costa Rica, that God will bring a harvest of souls through the evangelistic outreach of the Tres Rios (Three Rivers) mission this year and that the congregation will find a physical church home	for John and Kathy Vaughn, missionaries in Brazil, that God will prepare the way and give wisdom as they attempt to open work in an upper class neighborhood	for missionaries in language study all around the world Gloria Thurman writes that prayer for missionaries in Bangladesh should include their ability to make time for language study in their busy days
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
from Hal and Lou Ann Lee in Germany comes the request that we pray for the German-speaking pioneer church in Weimar - they have outgrown their meeting place . . . pray as they secure a larger one	for a series of church related-vocations banquets this week at colleges around our state	for missionaries Sam and Margaret Drummond as they transfer to Spain and begin their new work there	for MKs around the world who must leave home for boarding school - from Rick and Lori Funderburk, missionaries in Sierra Leone, West Africa, we have the request for prayer not only for the MK who leaves but for the parents who must leave the MK! The had to leave Audra, their seventh-grader.	that churches will plan for and observe World Hunger Day, October 8	for the College Student Conference today and tomorrow	for RA Day at Mississippi College today



## OCTOBER

The numbers indicate the day of the month and the year of birth. For instance,  
4-90 means October 4, 1990.

- 4-90—Mr. Micah S. McCall, P.O. Box 52, Limuru, KENYA. Parents: Dennis F. & Margaret, Agriculture
- 4-90—Miss Ann Marie Pevey, P.O. Box 9414, Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA. Parents: Frank D., Jr. & Jerry Anne H., Mission Administration
- 5-86—Miss Jessica L. Baker, Mission Baptiste Meridionale 01 BP 534, Abengourou, COTE D'IVOIRE (IVORY COAST) Parents: Kenneth & A. Lynn, Dentistry
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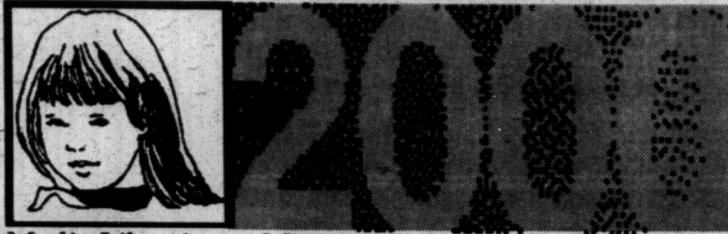
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#### Conference Leaders



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**Lisa McMillin** is a computer specialist with Tempco Steel and a member of the Church Media Library staff at First BC, Louisville.



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**Linda Reeves** is the preschool/children's consultant for the Sunday School Department, MBCB.



**John Temple** is pastor of First Baptist Church, Madison, Miss.

#### Agenda

##### **Friday, October 20, 1995**

8:30 am-9:30 am	Registration and Browse Book Store
9:30-10:30	Opening Session
10:30-Noon	Selective Conferences
Noon-1:00	Lunch and Browse Baptist Book Store
1:00-2:00	Selective Conferences
2:00-2:15	Break and Browse Baptist Book Store
2:15-4:45	Selective Conferences—continue
5:00-6:30	Dinner and Browse Baptist Book Store
6:30-9:00	Selective Conferences

##### **Saturday, October 21, 1995**

8:15-8:45	Business Session
9:00-10:30	Selective Conferences—continue
10:30-11:00	Break and Browse Baptist Book Store
11:00-Noon	Selective Conferences—continue

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#### Dates and Locations

(All times will be 10 am - noon)

Tues. September 26  
MS Baptist Convention Building,  
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Mon. October 9  
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Lauderdale Baptist Association Office,  
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Thurs. October 12  
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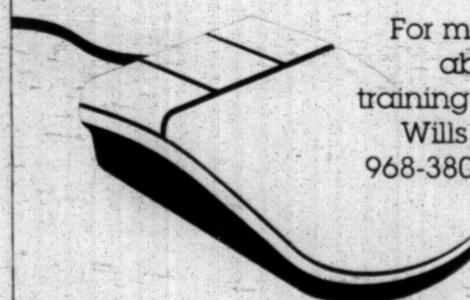
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  - Libraries
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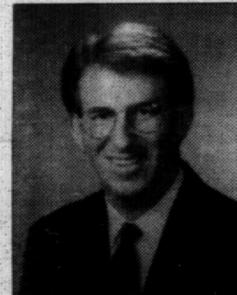


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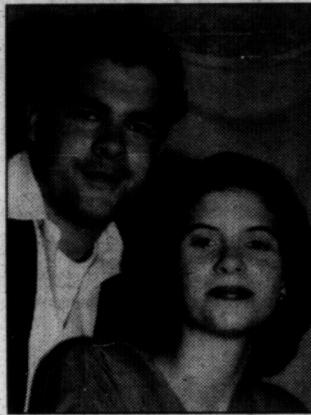
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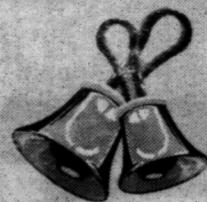


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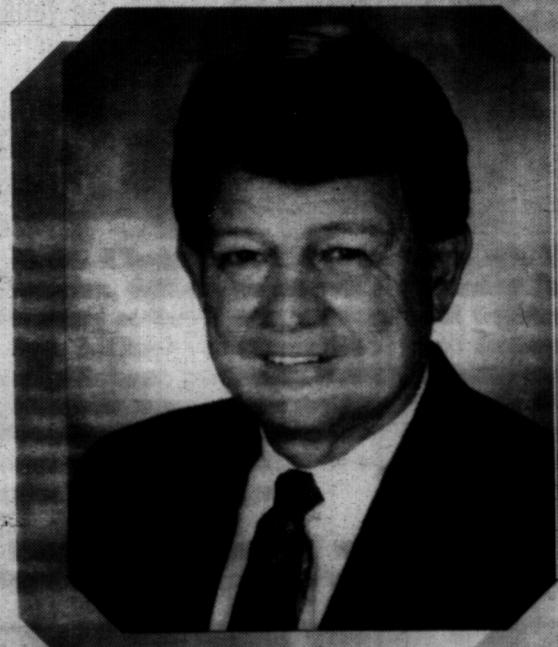
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**Fellowship, Taylorsville:** Sept. 17-20; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Lynn Nations, Mize, evangelist; Wilmer Holifield, Taylorsville, music; Glen W. Smith, pastor.

**New Hope, Monticello:** Sept. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds, noon; worship, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Bendon Ginn, evangelist; Randy and Janice Carruth, music; David B. Williams, pastor.

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**Mt. Nebo (Newton):** Sept. 10-13; Sunday, 11 a.m.; potluck lunch, noon; 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Jack Garnett, Williamsburg, evangelist; Al Smith, Steve McKinney, and Ray Quimby, song directors; Danny Purser, pastor.

**Mashulaville, Macon:** Sept. 10-13; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Paul Wilson, evangelist; Al Homer, music; Olyn Roberts, pastor.

**East Mt. Zion, Baldwyn:** Sept. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m.; 7 p.m. nightly; Ben Griffin, Booneville, evangelist; Joe Blasingame, Baldwyn, music; Gerald Cagle, pastor.

Thursday, September 7, 1995

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## Just for the Record

### Scobey's Wayside marks 100

Wayside Church, Scobey (Yalobusha County), will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sept. 10. Harris Counce, former pastor from 1955-57, will deliver the morning message on that day.

Dinner on the grounds will follow the worship service. An afternoon of remembrances will conclude the day's activities.

### DOM Jones dies of stroke at age 69

John Paul Jones, 69, director of missions for Mississippi Association, died of a stroke Sept. 2 in Southwest Regional Medical Center in McComb.

Funeral service was held Sept. 4 at Liberty Church, with burial Sept. 5 in Concord Church Cemetery in Ackerman.

Jones, a missionary minister, pastored churches in Hattiesburg, Jasper County, and Chickasaw County. He was a member of Liberty Church.

Survivors include: his wife Mary; daughter Pam Jones of Starkville; sisters Mary Speed of Meridian and Ann Clayton of Clinton; and two grandchildren.

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6 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by a Cajun supper in the fellowship hall. A special service will be held on Sunday at 11 a.m.

**Mississippi College Music Department** will host the second annual Sacred Harp Singing on Sept. 23. The event will be held in Aven Hall on campus from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, contact Lewis Oswalt at (601) 925-3446.

**Alexander Memorial Church, Hollandale**, will host a missionary service on Sept. 24. Philip and Sheila Marshall, who served as church planters in Thailand, will be guest missionaries. Morning services will consist of missionary testimonies, with a slide presentation in the evening. Michael R. McLendon is pastor.

**Colonial Heights Church, Jackson**, is sponsoring a Divorce Recovery for the Family seminar. Classes will be held 6:30-8 p.m. on six consecutive Thursdays, beginning Sept. 21. There will be classes for adults, youths, and children. Costs are \$10 per adult and \$5 for youths and children. Call (601) 956-5000 for more information.

**Woodlawn Church, Baton Rouge, La.**, will host its second Evangelism Explosion Training Clinic for pastors and laity who desire to be trained in equipping others to share the gospel. The clinic will be held Sept. 22-27. For more information, call Woodlawn Church at (800) 491-6106.

## Homecomings

**Furrs, Pontotoc:** Sept. 10; 11 a.m.; covered dish dinner, noon; John Couch, Tupelo, guest speaker; Walter Simmons, pastor.

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Hampton, director of missions in Louisiana, speaker; Michael R. McLendon, pastor.

**Poplar Springs (Newton):** Sept. 17; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch following services; Bryce Evans, former pastor, guest speaker; John Boggan, pastor.

**Artesia (Lowndes):** Sept. 17; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner served in fellowship hall, noon; Steve Yarber, guest speaker; Regan Rye, pastor.

**North Morton, Morton:** Sept. 17; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. followed by lunch; 1:30 p.m. singing by a guest quartet; Martis Jenkins, former pastor, guest speaker; Roy Clark, pastor.

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## Uniform Receiving new power



By Andy Brasher  
Acts 2

For 10 days, the 120 faithful followers of the risen Lord had been gathered together in the upper room awaiting the promise of the Holy Spirit. Day after day, they prayed incessantly for this miracle of unlimited power and newness of life to come. One can only imagine the mental and physical state of those dedicated servants as minutes turned into hours and hours crept into days. I wonder if they ever contemplated abandoning their belief of this incomprehensible idea that Christ had promised them.

Then early on Pentecost morning, as the cool desert air awoke from its nightly slumber, and as the people lined the streets and filled the Temple in celebration of the Feast of the Harvest, the Holy Spirit erupted like a flame fanned by the wind. A new power had been given and received — a new power that you can still receive today! "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

**The gift of the Holy Spirit (vv. 1-4).** The Holy Spirit descended upon that small upper room when all of its occupants were in spiritual and mental harmony. Without harmony, it's doubtful if the Holy Spirit would have appeared on the day of Pentecost. Harmony activated the Spirit's presence; it still does. Disharmony quenches the Holy Spirit.

The advent of the Holy Spirit was visibly dramatic. Each follower was consumed with the Spirit as evidenced by the speaking of a foreign language. The word "tongues" used by Luke in the Greek means an acquired or known language.

**Witnessing in the Spirit's power (vv. 5-13).** The Feast of the Harvest was actually a holy week that demanded the attendance of all Jews, by birth and conversion. Jerusalem was crowded with numerous nationalities present, each bearing the unique distinction of his native tongue. The followers in the upper room had made their way down to the streets and to the throng of people that had gathered at the temple. It was here, as a witness, sign, and testimony to the living Christ, that each nationality present heard their native tongue. As the multitude marveled in dismay, several accused the disciples of being intoxicated. Peter, after hearing this false accusation, defended the Spirit-filled group and proclaimed a message taken from the book of Joel.

**Peter's sermon (vv. 14-33).** First, Peter indicated that Jesus, the name one attested by God through signs, miracles and the resurrection, was responsible for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Second, Peter argued that Jesus Christ was the promised Lord. Third, Peter explained to the multitude that salvation could only come through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. All of this was confirmed by the visible manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

**The people's response and Peter's exhortation (vv. 37-40).** First, the crowd responded by asking how they could receive this salvation and the Holy Spirit. Second, Peter commanded them to "repent" or turn from their old religious way and embrace in faith the new and living way found through Jesus Christ. This would be followed ceremonially by baptism (a conversion ritual in Judaism) symbolizing their forgiveness of sins, and subsequently, the imputation of the Holy Spirit. Faith and not baptism is a prerequisite for the filling of the Holy Spirit.

**The believers' life together (vv. 41-47).** Three thousand souls were saved on the day of Pentecost, and the church was born. Those who had believed fellowshiped together, sharing their common salvation experience with each other. They gave liberally to the poor and praised God with singleness of heart and mind.

**Brasher is pastor of Como Church, Como.**

## Bible Book Daniel's faithfulness



By Larry McDonald  
Daniel 6

W.A. Criswell tells of Voltaire, the 18th-century French atheist who was one of the greatest writers of his time, who wielded a bitter pen against Christianity. In a moment of triumph he once boasted, "In 20 years Christianity will be no more. My single hand shall destroy the edifice it took 12 apostles to rear." But Voltaire's arrogance was swallowed up in his death. He died, in his own words, "abandoned by God and man." Shortly after his death, the very house in which Voltaire wrote was made a depot of the Geneva Bible Society!

God has a way of flip-flopping the best laid plans of men. Such was the case of the men plotting against Daniel. Darius the Mede was the new king as Babylon had fallen to the Persians. Darius organized a new government by appointing 120 satraps who were to be protectors of the kingdom (v. 1). Over the 120 satraps were three administrators, one of whom was Daniel (v. 2). Darius was so impressed with Daniel's exceptional qualities that he planned to set him over the whole kingdom (v. 3). The satraps and administrators were jealous so they began to plot against Daniel (v. 4). They were unable to find any shortcomings in his governmental activities. His character and professional abilities were flawless. The only place they could find that might bring a conflict between Daniel and the Persian government was in his religious beliefs. Daniel was a monotheist so they began to plan to force him to refuse to worship other gods. They knew of Daniel's commitment to worship only the God of Israel and that he would follow that commitment even to death (vv. 4-5).

The jealous officials went to Darius and appealed to his ego by suggesting for 30 days no one was to pray to any god or man except King Darius. Darius put the decree in writing with a penalty of being thrown in the lions' den if violated. Once signed, the decree could not be altered according to the laws of the Medes and Persians (vv. 6-9).

All of this was a plot to catch Daniel praying, as was his custom. Daniel heard of the decree but he refused to bow down to anyone but the God of Israel. At 80 years of age, he was not interested in compromising his long held convictions. He simply went to his home and prayed in his upstairs room as he always did in the morning, at midday, and night (v. 10; cf. Ps. 55:17). A group of men spied on Daniel and found him praying (v. 11). They went to Darius with the report of Daniel's violation of the law. Darius had no choice but to throw Daniel in the lions' den (vv. 12, 16).

With much regret, Darius had Daniel thrown into the lions' den. He then sealed the den with his signet ring so no one would try to rescue Daniel (v. 17). Darius spent a restless night. He even prayed and fasted as well as refused entertainment (v. 18). Early the next morning he rushed to the lions' den and called out to Daniel. Much to his delight, Daniel was still alive (vv. 19-23). Not only was he still alive, but he did not even have a scratch on him (v. 23). Daniel testified of the Lord delivering him by sending an angel to shut the mouths of the lions (v. 22).

At the king's command, the men who had plotted against Daniel were thrown into the lions' den and eaten (v. 24). Darius issued another decree, but this time he ordered people throughout the land to give proper recognition to the God of Daniel (vv. 25-27). Daniel was elevated to the second-highest position in the land as he prospered from being faithful to God even while in difficult circumstances (v. 28).

Stephen Miller says, "In this story faithfulness is exemplified. Daniel was faithful in old age, in godly example (v. 5), in prayer (v. 10), in trials (v. 16), and in testimony (vv. 16, 20). As a result he was delivered (v. 22), experienced a special manifestation of the presence of the Lord (v. 22), provided an opportunity for witness to unbelievers (vv. 26-27), and was blessed (v. 28)."

If you are going through a hard time, remember Daniel's example. Remain faithful to God and his Word even in difficult circumstances.

**McDonald is pastor of Castlewoods Church, Brandon.**

## Life and Work Acceptable to God



By Bob Rogers  
Romans 3

A famous entertainer asked Billy Graham to come to his dressing room after Graham had been on his show. "I make people laugh," he said, "but inside I feel like hell.... Do you think what I'm really looking for is summed up in the word God?" (Graham, *How to Be Born Again*, pp. 20-21).

Yes! But how can we be accepted by God? There are two strands of thought running through this week's text. One strand shows what salvation is not, and the other shows what salvation is.

**What salvation is not.** Salvation is not by our own good deeds. Verse 21 says it is "apart from law." As the Contemporary English Version puts it: "It isn't by obeying the Law of Moses."

Does that mean the Old Testament law is unimportant? No, verse 21 notes that the Law and Prophets, two major sections of Old Testament scripture, have "made known" the right way of salvation, because they point to our need for help (Gal. 3:21-24), and they foretell the coming way of how to be saved (Gen. 3:15, Isa. 53).

Salvation does not come in different ways for different people. The popular belief says, "It doesn't matter what your religion is, as long as you believe sincerely. We're all trying in different ways to get to the same place." The Bible says this is wrong!

Verse 22 says, "There is no difference." Verse 23 adds, "for all have sinned." No matter who you are, everybody has the same problem: sin.

Sin means "missing the mark." God has a perfect target that he wants us to hit with our lives, and some get closer than others, but nobody hits the bull's eye. Instead, we all "fall short of the glory of God" (v. 23). We all need outside help to deal with our sin problem.

Salvation is not by our good deeds, nor is it different for different people. That's what salvation is not; now let's look at what salvation is.

**What salvation is.** Salvation is from God. Verse 21 says, "But now a righteousness from God... has been made known." Verse 22 again refers to "this righteousness from God." The Bible could not be clearer: salvation is totally from God; people can do nothing to earn it.

Salvation is through faith. Verse 22 says, "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe." Salvation is not automatic. We must have faith; we must believe. When you get on a bus or an airplane, you trust the driver or pilot to take you where you are going. Likewise, trust Jesus Christ with your life and to take you to heaven, for he is the only way.

Salvation is being declared not guilty of sin. "Righteousness" and "justification" come from the same Greek word, *dikaios*. *Dikaios* was a term used in court, meaning "to be declared not guilty." When God looks on the sin of the believer in Christ, he sees the blood of Jesus, and declares us innocent.

Salvation is being set free from slavery to sin. "Redemption" (v. 24) is a term from the slave market, meaning "to be purchased." When Satan had control of our lives by sin, by his death on the cross Jesus Christ paid the price for us, and set us free from Satan's control (1 Cor. 6:20).

Salvation is being in the right place at the right time. One Greek word in verse 25, *hilasterion*, is translated "sacrifice of atonement" (NIV and NRSV), "propitiation" (KJV and NASB), and "mercy seat" (Heb. 9:5, KJV).

*Hilasterion* describes the lid on the covenant box in the Most Holy Place of the Temple, where the high priest went once a year to make a sacrifice and turn away God's anger from the sins of God's people. The cross of Jesus Christ has now replaced the mercy seat. Stephen W. Carlson thus describes the cross as "the permanent place to find grace."

Salvation is available to anyone. Verses 29-30 wrap up the subject by saying that God is the God of both Jews and Gentiles, "since there is only one God," and he will save both groups the same way, "through that same faith."

**Learning activity:** List on the board popular ideas about how to be accepted by God. Compare these ideas with the teaching of Scripture.

**Rogers is pastor of First Church, Poplarville.**

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A portion of **The Village View** is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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**Cindy** (left, in above left photo) and **Pam** (above, right) participated in a program designed for youth at the "Lookin' to the Future" Conference held in Jackson July 27-28. The Conference is sponsored by 15 public and private agencies and features national, regional, and local leaders in the child care field who present educational workshops, training, and dialogue. This year's theme was "Children: The Heart of the Matter." The conference concluded with skits presented by youths who participated in specially-designed workshops while Village staff were attending training workshops.

Thursday, September 7, 1995

# Baptist man wins settlement from Wal-Mart over work on Sundays

BOLIVAR, Mo. (BP) — Scott Hamby hopes his victory in a lawsuit against the nation's largest retailer will encourage Christians to stand up for their beliefs in all aspects of life. In recent years, the 23-year-old said, Christians "have kind of become known as pushovers."

Because Hamby acted on his convictions, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is under a court order to train the managers of its 2,200 stores to avoid religious discrimination against employees. **The Wall Street Journal** predicted the outcome of the Hamby case "could have far-reaching implications for other companies with weekend staffing needs that conflict with workers' religious practices."

Hamby and his wife Stacey are members of Southern Hills Church, Bolivar, Mo. He is a 1994 graduate of Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, with a bachelor's degree in theology.

In spring 1993, Hamby was working part-time in the electronics department of the Bolivar Wal-Mart when the county's repeal of Missouri's "blue laws" allowed the store to open for business on Sundays. Although he told his

supervisors he did not want to work on Sundays for religious reasons, Hamby recounted, he was put on the schedule to work the first Sunday the store opened.

Hamby said his supervisor later showed him a written document from a district manager stating every employee must be available to work Sundays, with no exceptions. "At that time, I didn't know the legal ramifications of what was being put in front of me," Hamby said. "I just knew it was wrong."

By then, Hamby said, he had worked several Sundays and was feeling troubled about it. "That's when the stresses really set in. I knew that I was going to have to choose God and my convictions, or choose my job."

Hamby's next step was to offer — "against my convictions" — to work one Sunday a month to keep his job. He said his supervisor verbally agreed to the arrangement, but then he was scheduled a second Sunday the same month.

The person doing the scheduling told him she was unaware of any such agreement, Hamby said, and she later testified the manager had told her, "Schedule Scott on Sunday until he quits."

Subsequent meetings with the manager failed to remedy the situation, Hamby said, and by the end of the summer, "The stress level was just too much." After discussing the situation with his wife, his pastor, and others, Hamby realized he had been compromising his convictions.

When he went to tell the manager he no longer could work under those conditions, Hamby said, "He conveyed to me very clearly that there was nothing I was going to be able to do to Wal-Mart."

In November 1993 Hamby filed suit against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. His lawyer, Jay Kirksey of Bolivar, asked for \$5 million in damages. At the time, Hamby said, he didn't realize any punitive damages were involved. "All I wanted to do was stop Wal-Mart."

The settlement Hamby reached with Wal-Mart Stores July 28 called for the company to pay Hamby an undisclosed amount for damages. Both parties in the settlement agreed to keep the amount confidential.

The dismissal order states Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., denies any liability or wrongdoing in the case. Spokeswoman Jane Bockholt said the company agreed to a settlement because its local store manager had made a mistake. "We're human..."

Bockholt said the corporation was complying with the settlement agreement by providing training in religious discrimination at its fall merchandise meetings in Kansas City. Wal-Mart considers the training useful for its employees and thus beneficial to customers, she added. "It's just another manner of doing business. For one thing, it's the law; for another thing, it's another way to take care of our people."

Kirksey believes the settlement will have far-reaching impact. Title VII of the federal civil rights laws deals with discrimination on the basis of race, sex or religion, he pointed out, but religious discrimination has received less attention than the other two types. "It looks like this will be the case that will catapult religious discrimination into the public awareness."



## LifeAnswers

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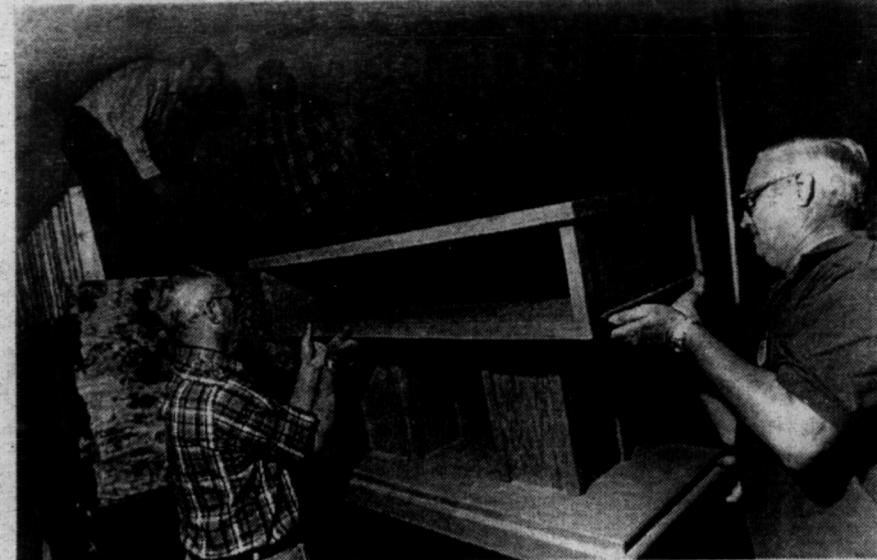
*My husband was raised in a home with a full-time maid. We don't have that luxury, but he treats me as if I am the maid. How can I correct his misimpression of my role?*

Does he know how you feel about this? Let him know what you are feeling and then follow up with actions. Since he was raised with a maid, he may expect women in the house to wait on him. Old habits like this are hard to break, and even harder to break when reinforced. If you don't want to be treated as a maid, tell your husband (and children) that things are changing. When you make new rules, be prepared to enforce the new rules even if you are challenged — you can't make exceptions just because a family member isn't "happy." Establishing new habits takes about 21 days. Don't forget to give affirmation for a job well done. A side note: Mothers, please teach your sons early on to be responsible around the house. Your future daughter-in-law may love you or hate you based on how well your son has been taught to treat her in matters like this.

*My husband is not a Christian. He is a good person and a good father, but I rarely trust his ability to make important family decisions because I am not sure his decisions are Bible-based. I really think the problem is with me: his lack of faith makes me feel unsafe.*

Pray for him — for his salvation, of course, but also that he will receive insight into the needs of his family. Scripture tells us to pray for our leaders, and that includes our home leaders. Watch for insights and good judgment; acknowledge those to him and in prayer. A child can learn discipline, obedience, respect, and boundaries from a non-Christian father, but having you there to "flesh out" godly principles is essential if your children are to lead fulfilling lives. I am concerned that you feel unsafe. Is that feeling due to his conduct, or are you fearful of the vulnerability that comes with trusting someone? If he is basically a good person, as you describe him, why are you afraid he will place you in danger? Ponder that and talk with your pastor or counselor about this issue.

**Send your counseling questions to LifeAnswers c/o The Baptist Record, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Please be brief. Name is not required. Remember: in time of crisis, your pastor can make recommendations on your counseling needs.**



**MOVING DAY** — A volunteer crew loads a communion table for Calvary Indian Church in Union. The table, as well as a pulpit and pews, were built during the recent Jericho missions festival at Ridgecrest, N.C., by volunteers in "The Carpenter Shop," a Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission project that recruits volunteers to build furniture for mission congregations. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

## Building furniture opens door to men's missions involvement

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — The whine of a table saw and the smell of sawdust fill the tent pitched on the front parking lot at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center near Asheville, N.C.

Inside, a dozen men or so lean intently over their work benches — measuring, remeasuring, cutting, piecing, nailing, staining — as they concentrate on the task at hand: building furniture for a Choctaw Indian mission congregation in Mississippi.

The crew consists of men attending the Jericho missions festival held each year at Ridgecrest. An identical festival is held each year at Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center. The festivals seek to break down barriers to missions involvement by giving people hands-on missions experiences.

It doesn't get any more hands-on than this.

"Some men come with their wives to a conference like this and dread sitting through the seminars and workshops," said crew foreman M.B. Howard, a Mission Service Corps volunteer who coordinates mission construction projects for the

Brotherhood Commission.

"A lot of them are excited to get here and find something like this they can get their hands on."

Howard sets up shop at Baptist meetings-like Jericho and invites men to pitch in. His 14-foot trailer, with its "Carpenter Shop" logo emblazoned on the side, carries all the tools he needs. The Ridgecrest project will benefit Calvary Indian Church of Union, which ministers in the shadow of a Choctaw casino on the nearby reservation.

The Carpenter Shop is available to churches and associations interested in a weeklong missions project. The trailer tours the western United States in January and February, the midsection of the country in March and April, and the eastern states in May and June. The sequence repeats the next six months.

For more information about the Carpenter Shop, contact the Adults in Missions Department of the Brotherhood Commission at (901) 272-2461.

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This week's clue: X equals T.

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Philemon Twenty-One.